EXHIBIT 1 TO DECLARATION OF KIM J. LANDSMAN

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NORTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

SPERO HARITATOS,

Plaintiff,

-vs-

05-CV-930

 ${\tt HASBRO}\,,$ INC., and ${\tt TOYS}$ "R" US - NY LLC,

Defendants.

TELEPHONIC Conference, held at the offices of WALL, MARJAMA & BILINSKI,
Syracuse, New York, on July 19, 2006,
before MARITA PETRERA, Registered
Professional Reporter and Notary Public in and for the State of New York.



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1	Telephonic Conference Proceedings 3
2	MAGISTRATE DI BIANCO: We have a
3	couple of letters pending, the latest
4	one is Mr. Purcell's letter of
5	June 20th, but wait a second. We
6	have the latest letter is probably the
7	July 14th letter from you, Mr. Landsman,
8	but there's two other letters, one of
9	June 20th, 2006, and that's
10	Mr. Purcell's, and one of June 26th, a
11	lengthy one from you, Mr. Landsman.
12	What I want to do is take them in sort
13	of reverse order but not strict reverse
14	order.
15	First issue I want to raise or
16	cover, rather, is this mediation and
17	then the second one will be this
18	disclosure of Attorney Versace,
19	V-E-R-S-A-C-E. That's the Americanized
20	pronunciation. So let's talk briefly
21	about the mediation, Mr. Purcell.
22	Your letter lays out your reasons
23	for mediation. Is there anything, this
24	is a letter of June 20th, anything you
25	want to add to that, do that right now.

1	Telephonic Conference Proceedings 4
2	MR. PURCELL: I don't have anything
3	further to add to that letter at this
4	time. Thank you.
5	MAGISTRATE DI BIANCO: Mr. Landsman
6	and Mr. McGowan, let me ask you,
7	Mr. Landsman, in one of your letters,
8	I'm not sure which one, you opposed the
9	mediation. Go through those briefly for
10	me, please.
11	MS. LANDSMAN: Kim Landsman. The
12	reason for opposition to the mediation
13	is that we don't want to waste further
14	time in this case unless we have some
15	idea of or reason to believe that
16	there's going to be any success to the
17	mediation. What we're really most
18	interested in at this point is getting
19	this case ready for summary judgment
20	motion. What I the sense I get from
21	Mr. Purcell is that he has oversold his
22	client on this case and now wants some
23	neutral person to try to undersell his
24	client and it seems to me that's his
25	responsibility, not ours or a judge's or

1	Telephonic Conference Proceedings 6
2	me but presumably have to be a
3	representative of Hasbro.
4	MAGISTRATE DI BIANCO: Okay. But
5	in terms of the cost of the mediation
6	versus continued litigation, why would
7	you think it's any more expensive than a
8	few more steps in the litigation, or
9	more discovery?
10	MS. LANDSMAN: Your Honor, I hope
11	we haven't presented ourselves as being
12	opposed to settlement. We always try to
13	settle a case. Our opposition to this
14	mediation is simply that from what we
15	have seen so far and the settlement
16	discussions we've had in the past, we
17	just don't see this as having any
18	likelihood of success and unless
19	Mr. Purcell can give us some idea of
20	where his client is, and he hasn't,
21	there's no reason to change that view.
22	I mean, obviously if we could settle
23	this case on an acceptable basis that
24	would be better than going forward with
25	litigation, but I've just seen no reason

1	Telephonic Conference Proceedings 7
2	to believe that that's possible.
3	MAGISTRATE DI BIANCO: I have
4	ambivalent feelings for you because I
5	understand what you're saying, but it's
6	also my position that mediation, so long
7	as there is good faith efforts by both
8	sides, that a mediation is helpful. I
9	don't know that it would need an entire
10	day and I don't know that it needs a
11	special mediator. I think there are
12	individuals on the Northern District
13	list of approved mediators who could do
14	a credible job, but obviously if you
15	hire a private mediator that will add to
16	the expense. Well, perhaps, perhaps
17	then that puts the ball in Mr. Purcell's
18	court and what I will direct then is
19	that without prejudice to any rights
20	that the plaintiff has, that Mr. Purcell
21	outline in some general terms what his
22	client hopes to get. And obviously any
23	settlement negotiation or offer is
24	without prejudice to anything in the
25	litigation.

1	Telephonic Conference Proceedings 8
2	So I'm going to direct that if
3	Mr. Purcell and his client want the
4	mediation, they should send a letter to
5	the defendants and outline with some
6	specificity the terms that they're
7	looking for and if the defendants then
8	think that there's some room to
9	negotiate, then I'll direct that a
10	mediation occur. I certainly am in
11	favor of mediation, but if the parties
12	are worlds apart then it doesn't make a
13	lot of sense. And if it's unclear what
14	one side wants, especially in a case
15	like this where there may be lots of
16	different possibilities, then the
17	mediation may be wasteful. But I am in
18	favor of mediation generally. Anything
19	further on that subject?
20	MS. LANDSMAN: No, your Honor.
21	MAGISTRATE DI BIANCO: Then your
22	letter, Mr. Purcell, also talks about
23	this testimony of Mr., I don't know how
24	he pronounced it, I would pronounce it
25	Versace, but for spelling purposes, it's

1	Telephonic Conference Proceedings 9
2	V-E-R-S-A-C-E, attorney Versace, in
3	Rome. You wanted a ruling from me that
4	you are not precluded from utilizing
5	him. That's something that has to go to
6	the trial judge. If this case comes to
7	trial, then the defendant can make a
8	motion to preclude and you can oppose
9	that. Judge Hurd, it is Judge Hurd,
10	isn't it?
11	MR. MC GOWAN: It is, your Honor.
12	MAGISTRATE DI BIANCO: Then Judge
13	Hurd can rule on that. As a matter of
14	protocol, I don't make rulings that bind
15	the trial judge; and even if I did make
16	a ruling, I would make it clear that
17	it's not binding because as things
18	unfold in a trial, there may be reasons
19	to allow late witnesses or not allow
20	them. So that's, I'm going to defer
21	that for any trial.
22	The other matters for the
23	conference are in your letter,
24	Mr. Landsman, of June 26th, 2006,
25	six-page letter, and at the end you're

1	Telephonic Conference Proceedings 10
2	looking for some discovery. Let me hear
3	briefly what's going on in case there
4	have been any changes since then. That
5	letter is several weeks old. What's the
6	status now of the discovery that you're
7	seeking? Is it still outstanding?
8	MS. LANDSMAN: Your Honor, again,
9	Kim Landsman. We believe it is still
10	outstanding. Mr. Purcell has been
11	dribbling in some documents to us over
12	the last week or so. We got some
13	documents on July 7th and July 12th, but
14	I do not believe that they comply with
15	all of our requests and Mr. Purcell has
16	not made any representation that they
17	do.
18	MAGISTRATE DI BIANCO: Okay,
19	Mr. Purcell, what's your response to
20	that please?
21	MR. PURCELL: First, your Honor,
22	frankly I wasn't prepared to address
23	that letter during the telephone
24	conference today. I inferred from your
25	order that we were only going to discuss

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the request for the extension of the
expert witness report dates and the
discovery deadline, generally. But if
you permit me an opportunity to provide
a written response to the June 26th
letter, I think that may clarify our
position. And then if Mr. Landsman
still believes that there's a need to
have you intervene, then I guess we, you
know, take it up with you at that time.
I'd ask the opportunity to provide a
written response to that.
MAGISTRATE DI BIANCO: And I
forgot, frankly, slipped my mind, the
expert report dates. Let's talk about
that and put this outstanding discovery
off for a few minutes. What about, just
so many letters in this case, I'm losing
track of issues. They seem to be
popping up daily. What's this, what's
the issue with the expert report date?
You generally want an expansion of that
time, Mr. Purcell?
MR. PURCELL: Yes. Your Honor,

1	Telephonic Conference Proceedings 12
2	this is the first request for extension
3	of time by any party, and as you can
4	well appreciate, factual discovery is
5	continuing. We've had trouble setting
6	up depositions of the defendants'
7	witnesses. We just took two days of
8	depositions of Toys "R" Us people last
9	week, I believe. We are scheduled to
10	take depositions of Hasbro's people in
11	mid-August. We continue to get
12	documents from Toys "R" Us, especially,
13	after even the July 1st date when our
14	plaintiff's expert report was due under
15	the current scheduling order, and it
16	just makes sense to have the experts
17	aware of what the facts are before
18	rendering opinions. Otherwise we are in
19	a position where the experts are going
20	to be deposed and they're going to be
21	exposed, you weren't aware of this, you
22	weren't aware of that, there will be
23	motions to revise expert reports based
24	on newly discovered information and then
25	opposition to that and then request to

1	Telephonic Conference Proceedings 13
2	redepose experts based upon the revised
3	opinion and information, so forth. I'd
4	also like to emphasize, your Honor, that
5	when the parties initially proposed a
6	case management plan, the parties
7	proposed that there first be a factual
8	discovery cut-off date and then there be
9	a period for the submission of expert
10	reports and expert discovery.
11	The scheduling order issued by Your
12	Honor did not have any sort of
13	bifurcation of discovery, but the
14	parties themselves had urged let's
15	complete discovery first and then get
16	into expert reports.
17	It's obvious in this case that the
18	factual discovery is far from complete
19	and I think it would be just an
20	expensive mess to try to prepare expert
21	reports at this juncture. That's why
22	I've asked for the extension of time. I
23	don't think it would unduly delay
24	things. I am as interested in getting
25	to trial in this as Mr. Landsman and

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2	Mr. McGowan, but I think that the best	
3	way to proceed would be to just have an	
4	extension of time to allow us to get	
5	this factual discovery relatively under	
6	our belt and relatively complete before	
7	getting experts involved.	
8	MAGISTRATE DI BIANCO: Let me hear	
9	Mr. Landsman and Mr. McGowan's response	
10	to that, please.	
11	MS. LANDSMAN: This is Kim	
12	Landsman, again. What I still haven't	
13	heard from Mr. Purcell is any idea at	
14	all of what this expert would be, and it	
15	just seems to me like he's asking for a	
16	delay for the sake of delay. I cannot	
17	imagine what Hasbro's witnesses are	
18	going to say that would influence an	
19	expert here because the only expert I	
20	can imagine Mr. Purcell trying to use is	
21	a survey expert and I haven't heard that	
22	he has any concept of doing a survey.	
23	There would be no reason to delay a	
24	survey until factual discovery is over.	
25	If there is some other expert that would	

1	Telephonic Conference Proceedings 15
2	depend on certain deposition testimony,
3	I think that before Mr. Purcell asks for
4	an extension, he should at least tell us
5	what that is.
6	MAGISTRATE DI BIANCO: Okay. Let
7	me go back to Mr. Purcell then. What's
8	the nature of this expert testimony?
9	MR. PURCELL: Well, your Honor,
10	first of all I take issue with, you
11	know, the suggestion that I have to
12	reveal the proposed testimony of my
13	expert at this particular point in time.
14	You may recall that in connection with a
15	contest over the protective order, I
16	wanted to have the undertaking signed by
17	consulting and testifying experts
18	revealed to the adversary before the
19	experts could see documents. That was
20	resisted by my adversary so that
21	consulting experts are still, whose
22	identities are still kept secret. If
23	they have been testifying experts, of
24	course they are revealed and undertaking
25	is revealed and so forth. So my

1	Telephonic Conference Proceedings 16
2	adversaries wanted to have the
3	consulting experts concealed and now
4	this angle, telling us all about the
5	MAGISTRATE DI BIANCO: No, no, the
6	question is really what type of expert
7	it is. I'm not asking for his
8	testimony. Is it an expert in
9	engineering, is it an expert in
10	MR. PURCELL: It's an expert in
11	trademark law and procedure, US
12	trademark law and procedure, and I will
13	firmly state to the court that I have
14	received an undertaking from the expert
15	and have paid retainer to the expert and
16	the expert has been provided with
17	several documents we received to date in
18	the lawsuit. So this is not just a
19	hypothetical exercise, Your Honor. I
20	have already undertaken those steps to
21	retain an expert who is in fact
22	retained, conflicts have been checked
23	and so forth. So contrary to
24	Mr. Landsman's suspicion, it is again
25	not a hypothetical.

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2	MAGISTRATE DI BIANCO: Okay. Let
3	me go back to Mr. Landsman then. Having
4	heard that, this expert will be in the
5	field of trademark law and procedure,
6	you folks still I guess I didn't ask
7	Mr. McGowan's opinion. Let me hear from
8	Mr. McGowan.
9	MR. MC GOWAN: Your Honor, I really
10	don't have anything to add. I think Kim
11	Landsman has said it well. I understand
12	Mr. Purcell's response to this.
13	MAGISTRATE DI BIANCO: Okay.
14	Mr. Landsman, any further response then?
15	MR. LANDSMAN: Yes, Your Honor.
16	Two things. First of all, I can't
17	imagine the court accepting an expert
18	testimony on what the law is. That's
19	for the court to decide. That kind of
20	testimony has been thrown out for
21	decades. I mean it used to be in patent
22	cases that judges occasionally would do
23	that and they don't even do that in
24	patent cases anymore. So this is not an
25	expert that the court is I think,

1	Telephonic Conference Proceedings 18
2	should take any cognizance on. But
3	secondly, to the issue of the deadline,
4	you certainly don't need testimony from
5	Hasbro's business people or licensing
6	negotiators to have an expert testify on
7	trademark law. There's just there's
8	no excuse for having this expert and
9	there's no excuse for delaying
10	disclosure of the expert if he has one.
11	MAGISTRATE DI BIANCO: I think that
12	for the time being I'm going to defer,
13	defer that question. I may want to look
14	at the history of this case. I'm
15	somewhat inclined to agree with
16	defendants. Whether the expert is
17	allowed of course is for the trial judge
18	and I shouldn't be usurping trial
19	judge's function. But it does seem to
20	me that if it's an expert in trademark
21	procedure, that the using the testimony
22	from business people or other marketing
23	people or anybody in the company that
24	had nothing to do with the trademark
25	would be, would be irrelevant and the

1	Telephonic Conference Proceedings 19
2	experts don't need that. I can
3	understand some reasonable extension,
4	but I certainly would not extend it
5	beyond the close of all discovery since
6	discovery seems to be never ending at
7	this point. All right.
8	I think that's all we'll cover.
9	Mr. Purcell, Mr. Landsman laid out in
10	his letter of June 26th, 2006, some very
11	clear requests on pages 5 and 6 for
12	discovery. I've taken a look at
13	Mr. Landsman's letter, it makes a lot of
14	sense in terms of the relevance of these
15	documents, and I'm prepared to order
16	those, the production of those documents
17	within weeks unless you can show to me
18	the reasons and convince me of the
19	reasons not to have those produced. So
20	I will allow you one opportunity to
21	respond to Mr. Landsman's letter of
22	June 26th. How much time do you want to
23	do that?
24	MR. PURCELL: I could have
25	something by the end of this week, maybe

1	Telephonic Conference Proceedings	20
2	Monday, Monday, would that be okay?	
3	MAGISTRATE DI BIANCO: Fine.	
4	Today's Wednesday, is it. Next	
5	Wednesday is fine next Tuesday is	
6	fine. And then Mr. Landsman, if you	
7	want a very brief reply, I'm going to	
8	have Mr. Purcell's response of two	
9	pages, you can have that by the	
10	following, by Friday of next week.	
11	You'll have Mr. Purcell's response by	
12	close of business Tuesday, and then I	
13	will rule on that.	
14	MS. LANDSMAN: Thank you, your	
15	Honor.	
16	MAGISTRATE DI BIANCO: Anything	
17	further that involves scheduling or	
18	anything like that?	
19	MR. PURCELL: Yes, your Honor.	
20	This is Bob Purcell. I'm asking for	
21	clarification with regard to your ruling	ſ
22	on the request to extend the due dates	
23	for the expert witness reports. This is	
24	a very critical matter as far as my case	:
25	is concerned, and if you're denying my	
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2	motion, I'd like to know that so I can
3	at least have the opportunity to appeal
4	within 10 days to the District Court
5	judge, or at least ask, maybe put my
6	thoughts about why the expert needs
7	stuff from the business people to you
8	within a week or something like that.
9	You mentioned that you would be
10	entertaining reasonable extension
11	through the end of discovery cut-off
12	date which I think is September 29th in
13	this case, so I guess I'm a little
14	uncertain as to what your ruling was in
15	regard to my request.
16	MAGISTRATE DI BIANCO: The ruling
17	was I'm reserving decision on that and I
18	will probably, when I issue the decision
19	on the discovery requested by
20	Mr. Landsman, include that in that
21	order.
22	MR. PURCELL: Would you entertain
23	further argument in the form of a letter
24	to you on that point as to why I believe
25	that the trademark law and procedure

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	1	Telephonic Conference Proceedings 22
	2	expert would reasonably need some of the
	3	evidence that's been only produced
I	4	relatively recently?
	5	MAGISTRATE DI BIANCO: Yes. If
	6	it's short. No more than three pages.
	7	And Mr. Landsman, you can respond no
	8	more than three pages but that has to be
	9	done within the same time frame as the
	10	submissions on the discovery requested
	11	by Mr. Landsman. All right, anything
l	12	further? Thank you all.
	13	MR. PURCELL: Thank you, your
	14	Honor.
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REPORTER'S CERTIFICATE

I, MARITA PETRERA, Court Reporter and Notary Public, certify:

That the foregoing proceedings were taken before me at the time and place therein set forth, at which time the witness was put under oath by me;

That the testimony of the witness and all objections made at the time of the examination were recorded stenographically by me and were thereafter transcribed;

That the foregoing is a true and correct transcript of my shorthand notes so taken;

I further certify that I am not a relative or employee of any attorney or of any of the parties nor financially interested in the action.

MARITA PETRERA, RPR, CLR

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EXHIBIT 2 TO DECLARATION OF KIM J. LANDSMAN

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Re: Haritatos v. Hasbro, Inc. and Toy 'R Us-NY LLC,

Civil Action 05-CV-930

Dear Judge DiBianco:

We are counsel for defendant Hasbro, Inc. ("Hasbro") and write in response to another letter from Mr. Purcell to the Court. Mr. Purcell has asked the Court to extend by three months the deadline for submitting expert reports and the close of all discovery.

In response to Mr. Purcell's request for our consent to this extension, we asked him to explain why his client was unable to name an expert and produce an expert report within the existing deadlines – that is, what type of expert he has in mind and why the opinion of such an expert would depend on Hasbro's deposition testimony. See Exhibit 1 hereto. Mr. Purcell has not, however, provided any such information either to us or to the Court.

The only expert that we can conceive of Plaintiff retaining in the context of this trademark litigation would be a survey expert who would design a consumer survey to test whether there is any likelihood of confusion between Mr. Haritatos' store in Rome and use of Hasbro's CANDY LAND® mark and visual graphics in connection with the candy department of Toys 'R Us's Times Square store. We see no reason why such an expert needs to await the testimony of defendants' witnesses. Moreover, Mr. Haritatos himself testified that he has no reason to believe that there has been any such confusion. *See* Exhibit 2 hereto. Therefore, it seems unlikely that Mr. Purcell intends to proceed with such a survey.

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Accordingly, we respectfully request that the Court deny Plaintiff's motion to extend the discovery deadlines.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim J. Landsman

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Exhibit 1

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Re: <u>Haritatos v. Hasbro</u>

Dear Bob:

I am writing in response to several issues raised in your June 15 and June 21, 2006 emails to Kim Landsman.

Depositions of Hasbro's Witnesses

During our telephone conversation on June 14, 2006, we asked you how much time you wanted with each witness and you stated that you intend to take five hours each with Ritson-Parsons and Klusaritz and six hours with Dubosky. We responded that that seemed excessive. After all, you originally noticed Ritson-Parsons for no more than two hours, Klusaritz for a deposition beginning at 4:00 p.m., and Dubosky for a four hour deposition. Nevertheless, we agreed to accommodate your request.

Your more recent request for seven hours with each witness is clearly excessive and designed to harass Hasbro and its witnesses. The witnesses you have chosen to depose are all busy executives and at least one has already had to rearrange his business plans, at some inconvenience to the company, in order to accommodate your request that we produce the witnesses on the three consecutive days that you requested in August.

We will make the witnesses available at the times and dates previously stated and for the time you requested on June 14, although we continue to believe that even that is excessive and far more time than you will be able to put to productive use.

Candyland.com

The lawsuit in Seattle concerning the "candyland.com" domain name is not relevant.

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Expert Reports

To evaluate your request for any extension of time to serve expert reports we would need to know what expert you have in mind and why you do not believe you can serve their reports within the time originally allotted.

Document Redactions

We will provide you with unredacted copies of the document bearing production numbers HG000450 through HG000461, which potentially relates to Candy Land[®] among eight different Hasbro properties. In addition, we will un-redact the financial information contained in HG000447, HG000448, HG000830, HG000833-HG000835, and HG001532 that relates to the Candy Land[®] brand.

The rest of the redacted information contained in the documents cited in your June 15, 2006, email to Kim Landsman are either not responsive to your document requests or they are protected by the attorney-client privilege. The vast majority of this material concerns Hasbro properties that are not at issue in this case (*i.e.*, not Hasbro's Candy Land® brand). In addition, HG000421, HG000424, HG000437, HG000889, HG0001341 contain material protected by the attorney-client privilege. Hasbro will include these redactions on its privilege log and suggests that the parties exchange their privilege logs by July 10, 2006.

Sincerely yours,

Michael D. Sant'Ambrogio

cc: John G. McGowan, Esq. (by e-mail)

Exhibit 2

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2	UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
3	NORTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK
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6	Plaintiff,
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10	Defendant.
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13	Examination Before Trial of
14	SPERO T. HARITATOS, Plaintiff, held at
15	the offices of BOND, SCHOENECK & KING,
16	PLLC, Syracuse, New York, on May 17,
17	2006, before MELISSA A. LANNING, Court
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19	the State of New York.
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1 SPERO T. HARITATOS 313 2 and Hasbro? 3 Α. 4 0. Okay. And you're not aware of anybody who 5 was confused about the origins of the goods that Toys "R" Us was selling in their candy department, 6 7 right? 8 Α. No. 9 Q. Okay. You don't have any reason to believe 10 that anyone would have been confused by the goods that 11 are being -- strike that. 12 You have no reason to believe that anyone would have been confused about the origins of the goods 13 14 that were being sold in the Toys "R" Us candy 15 department since 2001? 16 A. I can't say that. I don't know. 17 Q. What I'm asking you, sir, is do you have any 18 reason to believe that anyone was confused about the 19 origin of the goods sold in Toys "R" Us candy 20 department since 2001? 21 A. Well, I can't say that. 22 0. Do you have a reason to believe that they 23 would have been confused? 24 Α. I don't. 25 It's a "yes" or "no" question. Q.

1 SPERO T. HARITATOS 314 2 A. No. 3 No. Do you have any reason to believe that Q. 4 any of the visitors to the Toys "R" Us Times Square 5 store are aware of your business? 6 I don't know. Α. 7 Q. But you have no reason to believe that they 8 are aware of your business? 9 Α. I don't know that. 10 0. Do you have any reason to believe that they 11 are aware of your business; yes or no? 12 Α. I have no reason not to. 13 Q. Okay. Do you advertise in New York City? 14 Α. No, I don't. 15 Okay. So how would they know about your Ο. 16 business? 17 A. That is if they came from Rome. 18 Q. So if they came from Rome they might know about your business? 19 20 A. Yeah, Rome, Utica, Syracuse. 21 Q. Any other reason? 22 Α. No. 23 Q. And you testified to Mr. McGowan that you 24 have not lost any sales as a result of Toys "R" Us 25 candy department; is that correct?

1 SPERO T. HARITATOS 315 2 Α. That I know of. 3 0. You're not aware of it? 4 A. I'm not aware of any. 5 Of any sales that you've lost as a result of Q. 6 candy sold in the Toys "R" Us candy department? 7 Α. Correct. 8 0. Okay. And do you have any reason to believe that a consumer who walked into Toys "R" Us candy 9 10 department would confuse -- I'm sorry. 11 Actually, let me direct your attention to 12 Exhibit 22; that's the Candyland mark. Do you have any 13 reason to believe that a consumer who walked into the Toys "R" Us candy department would believe that this 14 15 Candyland mark, Hasbro's Candyland mark, was associated 16 with your turkey joints in any way? 17 Well, they could if they're from our area. It's possible. It's very possible. 18 19 Q. Why? 20 A. Because they know our Candyland. 21 Q. But you've said there's no similarity 22 between the marks? 23 Α. I've said there's no similarity. You're 24 asking if a customer would. So you're asking me my 25 opinion on it, and I'm telling you.

EXHIBIT 3 TO DECLARATION OF KIM J. LANDSMAN

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Re: <u>Haritatos v. Hasbro, Inc. and Toy 'R Us-NY LLC,</u>

Civil Action 05-CV-930

Dear Judge DiBianco:

We are counsel for defendant Hasbro, Inc. ("Hasbro") and write in response to Mr. Purcell's July 26, 2006, letter to the Court requesting to extend the discovery deadlines, including the deadline for disclosing expert witnesses. Plaintiff seeks an extension of the deadlines to disclose an expert on U.S. trademark law and procedure on the grounds that he could not disclose his expert prior to the testimony of Defendants' witnesses. But Plaintiff has failed to explain why his expert needs the testimony of Defendants' business people to "assist the trier of fact to understand the evidence or to determine a fact in issue." Fed. R. Evid. 702.

Plaintiff appears to believe that he can present expert testimony as to trademark law and procedure, but the courts in this circuit have not allowed such testimony. "[T]he expert testimony of an attorney as to an ultimate issue of domestic law or as to the legal significance of facts is inadmissible." Motown Prod., Inc. v. Cacomm, Inc., 668 F. Supp. 285, 288-89 (S.D.N.Y. 1987), rev'd on other grounds, 849 F.2d 78 (2d Cir. 1988) (excluding affidavit of trademark lawyer opining that trademark was "suggestive"). "It is not for witnesses to instruct the jury as to applicable principles of law, but for the judge." U.S. v. Scop, 846 F.2d 135, 140 (2d Cir. 1988) (citing Marx & Co., Inc. v. Diners' Club Inc., 550 F.2d 505, 509-10 (2d Cir. 1977)). "[T]he Second Circuit applies strict standards to the admissibility of expert opinions, disagreeing with other circuits when necessary[.]" Kidder, Peabody & Co., Inc. v. IAG Int'l Acceptance Group, 14 F. Supp. 2d 391, 404 (S.D.N.Y. 1998).

Plaintiff cites a single case from a district court in Illinois for the proposition that it is "standard practice" for parties to offer expert testimony on trademark law and procedures, but the case actually refutes his position. In <u>Sam's Wines & Liquors Inc. v. Wal-Mart Stores</u> <u>Inc.</u>, 32 U.S.P.Q.2d 1906, 1912 (N.D. Ill. 1994), plaintiff offered an expert to testify concerning

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"the procedures, standards, customs, usage, and practices in the United States Patent & Trademark Office ("PTO") and among in-house trademark counsel and the trademark bar." <u>Id.</u> The court allowed testimony on "the technical aspects of applying for and obtaining a federal trademark registration" and "the similarities of the parties' respective marks" but precluded the expert from testifying "on the legal standards applicable to this case or the results of her legal research as they apply to the ultimate issue of trademark infringement or likelihood of confusion." <u>Id.</u> at 1913. The procedures of the PTO are not at issue in this case and Plaintiff admits there are no similarities between the marks at issue as the parties use them, <u>see</u> Exhibit 1 hereto, so the case is unhelpful to him. Moreover, the testimony of Hasbro's business people is irrelevant to any such opinion.

Mr. Purcell's letter lists several proposed subjects of testimony for his expert, but the only subjects cited in Mr. Purcell's letter that might relate in any way to Hasbro's business people are "Hasbro's [alleged] efforts to acquire Plaintiff's rights in his registered trademark and whether Defendant Hasbro's activities in licensing its allegedly infringing trademark to Toys 'R Us and others were willful and in bad faith." That states the conclusion he expects from his expert but does not explain why his expert needs the testimony of Hasbro's business people. In sum, Mr. Purcell still has not explained why his client was unable to name an expert and produce an expert report within the existing deadlines.

Plaintiff has repeatedly delayed the progress of this case, first by obstructing the entry of a protective order, then by waiting until late in discovery to notice the depositions of Defendants' employees. He should not now be allowed to further delay the case when he cannot articulate a proper subject for his proposed expert's testimony or why his expert needs the testimony of Hasbro's business people to offer an expert opinion. Merely stating that his "expert's testimony will be intertwined with the unique facts of this case" is simply conclusory and unhelpful.

Accordingly, we respectfully request that the Court deny Plaintiff's motion to extend the discovery deadlines.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim J. Landsman

cc: Robert E. Purcell, Esq. (e-mail)
John G. McGowan, Esq. (e-mail)

Exhibit 1

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2	happens to every witness, and it happens to a		2	
3	lawyers, too.	100.01	3	Q. They said that Hasbro's Candyland board game mark looked similar to your turkey joints mark?
4	All right. Let's take a look at the jar for	.	4	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,
5	your turkey joints.		5	A. The Candyland mark, the original Candyland. It still looked like Candyland.
6	A. All right,	İ	6	•
7	Q. Are there any similarities between the		7	Q. Do you think that there's any similarity?
8	turkey joints mark and Hasbro's Candyland ma	-1-2		You just testified that there is no similarity between
9	A. No, I don't believe so.	IN!	8 9	the two marks, correct? A. Yes. I don't see it.
10	Q. Okay. They're not the same color, co	rroot2	10	
11	A. Correct.		11	Q. Okay. And has anyone ever inquired about a
12	Q. In fact, they're written in different			relationship between your business and Toys "R" Us?
13	scripts, correct?		12	A. A relationship?
14	A. I guess so.		13	Q. (Nodding.)
15	——————————————————————————————————————		14	A. I don't believe so.
16	Q. And Hasbro uses two words in it's Can		15	Q. Has anyone ever inquired about any
17	name and you use one word in your Candyland your turkey joints mark, correct?		16 17	association between you and Toys "R" Us?
18	A. Correct.		18	A. I don't believe so.
19	Q. So there's a different number of words	L	19	Q. Okay. And has anyone ever inquired about a
20	between the two marks?	1	20	relationship between you and Hasbro? A. Except for no. Except for McLaughlin at
21	A. Yes.		21	the time.
22	Q. Okay. The overall design of the two m		22	Q. Hasbro's
23	is different, correct?		23	A. Hasbro's McLaughlin.
24	A. Correct.	1	23 24	
25	Q. And the overall impression created by		25	Q. Aside from some person from Hasbro, has anyone ever inquired about a relationship between you
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2	two marks is different, correct?		2	and Hasbro?
3	A. Correct.	ļ	3	A. No.
4	Q. Okay. Has anyone ever told you that		4	Q. Okay. And you're not aware of anybody who
5	Hasbro's Candyland mark is similar in the way it is	ooks	5	was confused about the origins of the goods that
6	to your turkey joints mark?		6	Toys "R" Us was selling in their candy department,
7	A. I remember a long time ago someone me	entioned	7	right?
8	it years ago.		8	A. No.
9	Q. They mentioned what?	ŀ	9	Q. Okay. You don't have any reason to believe
10	A. That it's very it's similar to ours.	İ	10	that anyone would have been confused by the goods that
11	Q. When did this happen?	- 1	11	are being strike that.
12	A. Oh, a long time ago.		12	You have no reason to believe that anyone
13	Q. Ten years ago?		13	would have been confused about the origins of the goods
14	A. Yeah. I don't know. I don't remember.	I .	14	that were being sold in the Toys "R" Us candy
15	Q. More than ten years, or less than ten		15	department since 2001?
16	years?	i i	16	A. I can't say that. I don't know.
17	A. It could have been more than ten years.	I .	17	Q. What I'm asking you, sir, is do you have any
18	Q. And who was this person?		18	reason to believe that anyone was confused about the
19	A. I don't know. Just a customer brought it		19	origin of the goods sold in Toys "R" Us candy
20	up.		20	department since 2001?
21	Q. Somebody who had walked into your stor	I .	21	A. Well, I can't say that.
22	A. Yeah, I believe so.		22	Q. Do you have a reason to believe that they
23	•		23	would have been confused?
160	Q. And what did they say?	1 .		
24	Q. And what did they say?A. Nothing. That it looked very similar to		24	A. I don't.
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